Adding lat/long from EXIF into ThumbsPlus
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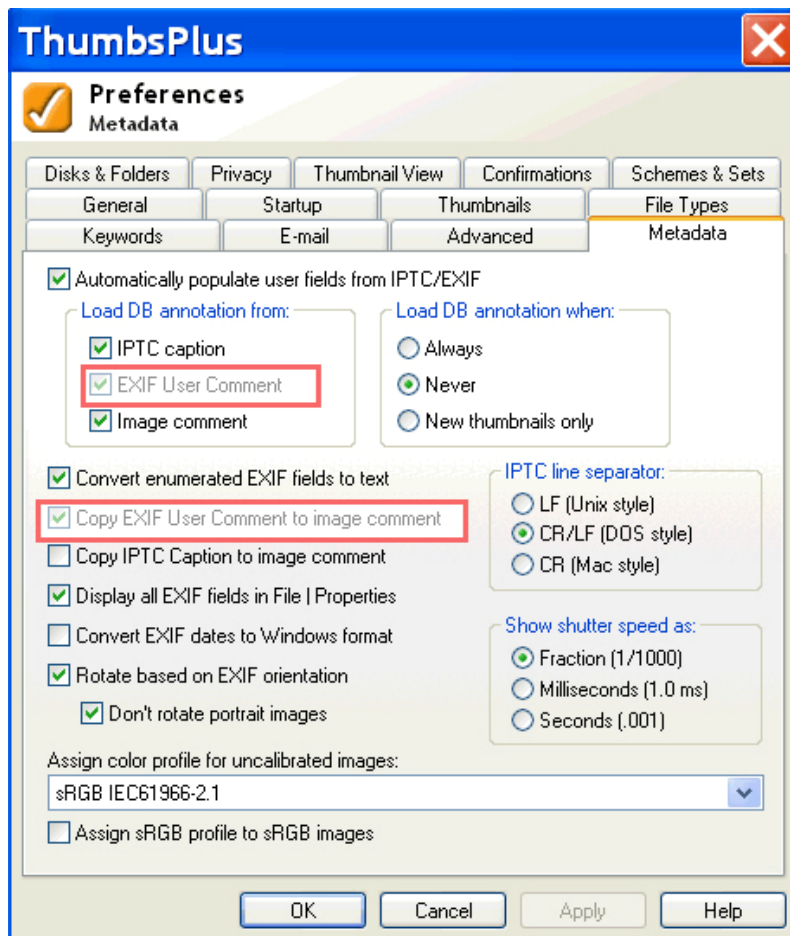Prerequisite: Add lat/long into EXIF using GPS Photolink software.
Caveats: Results are in a text field with symbols and cannot easily be imported into ArcGIS.

Those who use GPS Photolink or embedding gps data in photos and use thumbsplus to manage photos, have found some inconsistencies in the way Thumbsplus recognizes and utilizes EXIF data. Latest versions of thumbsplus is making great strides in managing photos, by storing in the Access database the coordinates. Were almost there (i'll tell you more below, but check this out).

Use the latest Thumbsplus 7.0 SP-1 build 2234.
Under options/preferences/metadata tag, ensure your checked all theEXIF fields. A screen shot is shown here.

Now, create user fields spelled exactly like Thumbsplus expects them to be:
GPS Latitude - text, 50 characters
GPS Longitude - text 50 characters.

Once you do this, then open, and scan a GPS photolinked set of photos, and you'll see the userfields are autopopulated with the GPS coordinates.

Whats ALMOST there, but not quite is getting Thumbsplus to do an autocalculation into Decimal Degree, so that the Access Fields could house the DD data.